

U.S. Department of State U.S. Embassy in Cairo

GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2016-2017

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD), sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is supported by the people of the United States. This international educational and cultural exchange program brings future leaders to the United States to experience the U.S. educational system, enhance their knowledge and skills, and explore U.S. culture and values. It also affords students the opportunity to educate Americans about other cultures and traditions. Global UGRAD is a one-semester scholarship administered through the joint efforts of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. embassies abroad, and World Learning.

Mandatory courses will include U.S. study courses, academic skills training and courses in students' fields of study. Participants will take part in community service as well as an unpaid internship.

All forms in this application are to be completed in English:

- Completed, signed online application
- Two letters of recommendation (Using the required Global UGRAD Recommendation Form)
- Global UGRAD: Essay (400-600 word limit in English)
- For Current Undergraduate students: Original official transcript(s) with an accurate English Translation(s). Transcripts are the official document from the applicant's university showing the student's academic performance over previous of study. For 1st year university students, please provide a copy of your secondary school transcripts and an enrollment letter from your current university.
- Copy of National ID and/or passport.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Competition for the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program is merit-based.

How to Apply

Deadline for Applications: December 31, 2016

The Global UGRAD Program application is available online at:
Global UGRAD Application 2016-2017

Please read all instructions and information carefully before completing the application, and review all fields before making any submission online. The application can be saved and submitted at a later time. All forms in this application are to be completed in English.

Inquiries should be sent by email to: CairoGUGRAD@state.gov

Candidates will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, national origin, or gender. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Selected participants do not choose their host institution and will be placed at the most appropriate host institution based on students' academic interests.

Eligibility for participation in the Global UGRAD Program is open to anyone who is:

- A citizen of Egypt, currently residing and studying in Egypt;
- enrolled as an undergraduate in good standing at any university in Egypt, public or private;
- not enrolled in his/her final year of studies at the time of application;
- eligible to receive and maintain the U.S. student exchange visa (J-1) required for the program;
- committed to returning to Egypt after completion of the program;
- submits a complete application with all required supporting documents delivered by hand or mail by the application deadline;
- is between the ages of 18-25;
- has a solid command of written and spoken English

<u>Remark:</u> A TOEFL score is not required at the time of application; however, a TOEFL score is required for participation in the program. ONLY the selected finalists and alternates will take the TOEFL exam. Note that a minimum TOEFL ibt score of 52 is required.